

# **2010 PEER COUNSELING TRAINING**

**The Division of Behavioral Health & Recovery is accepting applications to attend Peer Counseling Training for 2010.**

**Training applicants:**

- **Must self-identify as a mental health consumer\***
- **Must be in mental health recovery for a period of one year**
- **Should desire to seek employment in the public mental health system as a certified peer counselor after completion of the program.**

**A signed and dated application and application questions should be submitted to:**

**Bonnie Staples  
DSHS Division of Behavioral Health & Recovery  
PO Box 45330  
Olympia, Washington 98530-5330**

**In 2010, accepted applications will be given priority to train according to region and then in the following order:**

- Individuals employed by a licensed community mental health agency or its subcontractor
- Individuals from RSNs with a low number of certified peer counselors
- Individuals currently volunteering in a licensed community mental health agency or the public mental health field
- All other applicants based on the date the application was received

## **2010 Training Dates**

**February 1 – 5 - Tacoma** (for the Olympic Peninsula, Pierce, and King counties)

**April 12 – 16 - Mount Vernon** (for the northern Puget Sound and King counties)

**May 17 – 21 - Grand Mound** (for the southwest portion of the state)

**July 26 – 30 - Spokane** (for the east side of the state)

**August 30 - September 3 - Yakima** (for the east side of the state)

Please contact **Bonnie Staples at 1-888-713-6010 or 360-725-1883** for an application or further information. An application can also be found at [www.l.dshs.wa.gov/mentalhealth](http://www.l.dshs.wa.gov/mentalhealth)  
The training manual is also available on the web site.

\* Per WAC 388-865-0150, "Consumer" means "A person who has applied for, is eligible for or who has received mental health services. For a child, under the age of thirteen, or for a child age thirteen or older whose parents or legal guardians are involved in the treatment plan, the definition of consumer includes parents or legal guardians."